



Llanwrtyd Wells Urban District

Report

of the

Medical Officer of Health

for the year 1964



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Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my annual report on the sanitary conditions and the state of the public health in the Llanwrtyd Wells Urban District during the year 1964.

In the preparation of this report I have endeavoured to deal briefly with all matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine and I have included all the subjects specifically requested in Circular 1/65(Wales) by the Welsh Board of Health.

Section 1. General and Vital Statistics.

Area.....1648 acres.

Population.

Census 1931.....742.
Census 1951.....560.
Census 1961.....536.
Estimated at Midsummer 1964.....530.

Population estimated during the last 10 years.

1955. 1956. 1957. 1958. 1959. 1960. 1961. 1962. 1963. 1964.

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Number of inhabited houses.....192. This gives an average number of 2.7 persons per house.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Crude Rate per 1000 Population</u>
Legitimate	2.	0.	2.	
Illegitimate	1.	0.	1.	
	3.	0.	3.	5.6

Corrected birthrate.....8.2

The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 18.4. The district rate was therefore lower than the national average and also as will be seen lower than the deathrate.

<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Crude Rate per 1000 Population</u>
	5.	7.	12.	22.6

The corrected deathrate was 14.0

The corresponding rate for England and Wales was 11.3. The district rate was therefore higher than the national average and also as will be seen higher than the birthrate.

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Rate per 1000 Live & Still Births</u>
	0.	0.	0.	0.

The corresponding rate for the whole of England and Wales was 16.3. The district rate was therefore lower than the national average.

Illegitimacy. There was one illegitimate birth registered during the year.

Total Live and Still Births. For the year this number was three.

Infantile Mortality. This is the number of deaths occurring in children of under one year of age.No such death occurred in the district during the year.
National Infantile Mortality rate.....20.0

Maternal Deaths. No deaths occurred which could be attributed to childbirth. This is a very satisfactory feature.

Maternal Mortality Rate.....0.

Deaths from Special Causes.

Infectious Disease.....Nil.
Respiratory Tuberculosis.....Nil.
Other tuberculous disease.....Nil.
Cancer.....Two.

Analysis of Causes of Deaths. Males.....5. Females.....7

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Malignant neoplasm,uterus.....	0.....	1.
Other malignant neoplasms.....	0.....	1.
Vascular lesions,nervous system.....	1.....	3.
Coronary disease.....	2.....	0.
Other heart disease.....	2.....	2.

Section 2. General Provisions of Health Services.

There was no change in your Public Health Officers during the year.Mr.J.C.Bowen continued to act as your Public Health Inspector and Mr.J.R.M.Walker as additional Public Health Inspector.These two officers work in a similar capacity for Builth R.D.C. and Colwyn R.D.C.

Laboratory Facilities.During the year laboratory facilities were available at Cardiff,Newport,Carmarthen,Swansea, and Aberystwyth.The laboratory of the Public Analyst for the County of Carmarthen was available for water samples whilst any investigation required in the control of infectious disease was performed by the Public Health Laboratory at Carmarthen,but samples must now be conveyed by car owing to discontinuance of rail service.

Nursing Facilities etc, The County Council are responsible for the provision of ambulance facilities,home nursing, maternity and child welfare,immunisation,and the treatment of minor ailments,dental,eye and orthopaedic defects.

Hospitals.The hospital needs of the residents of the district,for all diseases apart from infectious disease,are provided by the Local Hospital at Builth Wells.

The arrangements for the treatment of infectious disease remain the same as in previous years.Merthyr Borough Council treat the patients from the district suffering from infectious disease and these are conveyed to Merthyr in ambulances maintained by Merthyr.

These arrangements are proving extremely satisfactory.
For the treatment of smallpox cases arrangements have been made by the Welsh Board of Health for beds to be available at the Penrhys Hospital, Rhondda.

Hereford Fever Hospital is also able to take cases of infectious disease.

Section 3. Sanitary Circumstances.

Water Supplies.The Builth and District Water Board now administers the water supply to the district.

Number of inspections made.....
 Number of samples taken from town supply.....
 Seven samples were reported as satisfactory and 4 unsatisfactory.
 Two chemical samples were taken.
 Some difficulty was experienced during the year with the filters at the new works, resulting in unsatisfactory samples. Notices were therefore issued advising the water should be boiled before consumption for the necessary period.

Properties served from public water mains.

Number of properties served direct to house.....184
 Population thus served.....470
 Number of properties served by standpipes.....2
 Population thus served.....5
 Number of houses on private supply.....7
 Number of persons so served.....11

Drainage and Sewerage.The drainage of the district and the excellent sewage disposal works continued to function satisfactorily during the year.

Number of inspections made.....10

Public Cleansing.Refuse was collected once weekly throughout the year by direct labour. This service has proved satisfactory and no complaints have been received.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.The sanitary inspection of the area was undertaken by the Public Health

Inspector. All details relating to inspections, notices served, visits and samples taken in the whole of the report give information relating to the work of the Public Health Inspector during the year.

Nuisances.

Number of complaints received.....2.
 Number of complaints investigated.....2.
 Number of premises inspected.....2.
 Number of premises revisited.....2.
 Number of preliminary notices served.....2.
 Number of abatement notices served.....0.

Offensive Trades.There are no offensive trades in the district.

Common Lodging Houses.No common lodging houses exist in the district.

Shops.

Number of inspections made by public health inspector.....17.
 Number of notices served.....2.

Licensed Premises.

Number of inspections made by Public Health Inspector.....3.
 Number of notices served (informal).....0.

Camping Sites.There are no recognised camping sites in the district.

Eradication of Bed Bugs and Steps taken to combat infestation.

No premises were found to be verminous during the year.

Rodent Control.This work is performed by a Council workman.

Number of premises inspected.....33.
 Number of inspections and revisits.....69.
 Number found infested.....21.
 Number of premises treated by Rodent Operator.....21.
 Number of premises treated by occupier.....0.

The refusal disposal tip and sewage works were treated at monthly intervals.
The sewers were also treated during the year.Ten per cent of manholes were baited and there were no bait takes at any of the manholes.

Legal Proceedings.No legal proceedings were instituted during the year.

Tents,Vans and Sheds.

Number of visits.....1.
Number of notices.....10.

Section 4. Housing. No new houses were built during the year.

Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925,Article 31.No action was taken under these regulations during the year.

Improvement Grants.Two improvement grants,totalling £300,were approved during the year.

Offices,Shops and Railway Premises Act,1963.

During the year work was commenced under this Act. The premises registered at the end of the year were:-

Offices.....3.
Retail Shops.....2.
Catering Establishments.....1.

These were all inspected.No exemptions were granted and no prosecutions occurred during the year.

Section 5. Inspection and Supervision of Food.

In connection with clean food no educational activity occurred during the year.The number of food premises by type,in the district were: 6 Licensed Premises, 1 Bakehouse, 3 Butchers, 3 Cafes and 7 others carrying on a "mixed" business.One bakehouse was closed during the year.

Food & Drugs Act,1955. Section 16.The premises registered under this section were 6 ice cream premises and 3 butchers.

Milk.Since the coming into operation of the Milk & Dairies Act,1944, the Council is left with the registration and supervision of milk distributors.Four samples were examined during the year,all were satisfactory and brucella negative.

Meat.The private slaughterhouse was operated during the year.Details of animals killed etc. are given below

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole and part

	Cattle excluding cows	Calves	Pigs	Sheep and Lambs	Horses
Carcases slaughtered	1	-	-	632	-
Number inspected	1	-	-	632	-

All diseases except Tuberculosis
and Cystercerci

Whole carcases condemned - - - - -

Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned - - - 45 -

Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cystercerci - - - 7.1 -

Tuberculosis only

Whole carcases condemned - - - - -

Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned - - - - -

	Cattle excluding cows	Calves	Pigs	Sheep and Lambs	Horses
<u>Cystercerci</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

Other Foods.Food Preparation Rooms(including bakehouses)

Number of inspections made by Public Health Inspector.....7
 Number of notices served.....2.

Ice Cream.

Number of producer retailers.....0.
 Number of retailers only,all selling prepacked.....5.
 The samples taken were four and the results were:-
 Category 1.....4.

Preserved Food Premises.

Number of inspections.....3.

Fried Fish Shops.There was no fried fish shop in the district during the year

Food Condemned.Nineteen pounds of sausages were condemned during the year

Public Swimming Pool.A Purley type swimming pool and also a paddling pool,with necessary changing rooms,were constructed during the year on the Dolwen playing field.They have proved to be quite attractive and remained open until the middle of September.

Cemetery.One burial took place in the new Cemetery during the year.

Section 6. Prevalence and Control of Infectious Disease.

The district experienced a severe outbreak of measles during the year with a total of 66 cases notified.Most of these cases occurred at the end of the year.All were treated at home and no death resulted.

Venereal Disease.The County Council has an agreement with the General and Eye Hospital,Swansea,for the treatment of these cases.The tracing of contacts and the following up of defaulters is the responsibility of the County Council.

Tuberculosis.The following details show the position as regards tuberculosis in recent years.

Number of cases on register at commencement of year.....9.
 Number of cases entered during theyear.....0.
 Number of cases removed as deceased.....0.
 Number of cases removed as recovered.....2.
 Number of cases removed as left district.....0.
 Number of cases remaining on register at end of year.....7.
 Contacts of these cases are now offered prophylactic treatment by B.C.

The number of notifications in recent years is shown below:-

1955. 1956. 1957. 1958. 1959. 1960. 1961. 1962. 1963. 1964.

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APPENDIXFactories Acts, 1937 to 1959ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1964 FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF LLANWRTTYD WELLS IN THE COUNTY OF BRECONSHIREPART 1 OF THE ACT

1.- INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspect ions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
i. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
ii. Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	4	4	-	-
iii. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	4	4	-	-

2.- CASES in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more cases.)

Particulars (1)	No. cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

There was no outwork done in the district during the year.

Yours faithfully,

T.C.R. George,

Medical Officer of Health